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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in reply to the Office Action dated June 16, 2008. Please enter the Amendment and reconsider the application in light of the amendment and the appended remarks. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.